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RAJYA SABHA

The following Bills were introduced in Rajya Sabha on the 2nd June, 1967:—

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Bill No. II of 1967

A Bill to prohibit bigamous marriages.

Be it enacted by Parliament in the Eighteenth Year of the Republic of India as follows:—

1. (1) This Act may be called the Prohibition of Bigamous Marriages Act, 1967. Short title and extent

(2) It extends to the whole of India except the State of Jammu and Kashmir, and applies also to citizens of India domiciled in the territories to which this Act extends who are outside the said territories.

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2. Notwithstanding anything contained in any other law or in any personal law, any marriage between two persons solemnized after the commencement of this Act shall be void if at the date of such marriage either party had a husband or wife living; and the provisions of sections 494 and 495 of the Indian Penal Code shall apply 45 of 1860 accordingly.

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

Article 44 of the Constitution enjoins upon the State to secure for the citizens of India a uniform civil code. The marriage laws as enacted so far are not made universally applicable. It is essential in the interest of social justice that all disparities and discriminations in this behalf should be removed.

Hence the **Bill**.

N. SRI RAMA REDDY

II**Bill No. XXI of 1966**

A Bill further to amend the Hindu Marriage Act, 1955.

BE it enacted by Parliament in the Eighteenth Year of the Republic of India as follows:—

1. This Act may be called the Hindu Marriage (Amendment) Act, 1967. Short title

2. In section 5, of the principal Act, after clause (iii), the following clause shall be inserted, namely:— Amendment of section 5

“(iiiia) the difference in the age of the bride and the bridegroom is not more than fifteen years, except in the case of a marriage where the bride is a widow before such marriage.”

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STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

The amendment to section 5 of the Hindu Marriage Act, 1955 proposed in clause 2 of the Bill is intended to avoid unequal marriages, exception being made in the case of widow re-marriages.

R. P. KHAITAN.

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Secretary

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